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SUBJECT: COLOMBIAN FORCES HIT FARC 6TH AND 10TH FRONTS HARD

¶1. Summary: On July 21st and 26th, the Colombian National Police and Colombian Air Force, with assistance from the U.S. Government, executed two successful operations against the Armed Revolutionary Forces of Colombia (FARC) 6th Front in Cauca and the 10th Front in Arauca. The combined ground-air assault on the 10th Front led to the death of de facto Front commander Jose Rizo Carrascal ("Jurga Jurga"). End Summary

¶2. On the afternoon of July 21st, the Colombian National Police (CNP) and Colombian Air Force attacked the FARC 6th Front headquarters near Corinto, Cauca Department in a combined ground-air assault. In the action, the CNP confirmed that seven FARC were killed and two captured. The CNP also recovered computer equipment and large quantities of weapons and munitions. The CNP estimate that over 200 FARC occupied this camp complex, making it one the largest FARC camps in the area. The Air Forces estimates that at least twenty additional FARC were killed in a follow-up air strike.

¶3. On the morning of July 26th, the CNP--together with the Colombian Air Force--attacked a FARC 10th Front rendezvous point 28 miles east of Saravena, Arauca department, killing two FARC (including Company Commander Jose Felipe Rizo Carrascal alias "Jurga-Jurga") and capturing one FARC. The Colombian Air Force reported that additional FARC were killed in action. The CNP suffered one casualty who took light shrapnel wound to the neck from a FARC mortar round.

¶4. The CNP's Detective Division (DIJIN) had intelligence that Jurga-Jurga would make a supply pickup the morning of July 26th near a farmhouse. DIJIN infiltrated twelve Commandos the night before to set up an observation post near the house. After observing Jurga's arrival the followign morning, the Commandos called in a Jungla Airmobile Assault team as well as a Colombian Air Force (based in Saravena) strike.

¶5. Jurga-Jurga was on the Drug Enforcement Administration's 50 Most Wanted List. He also has been the de-facto local commander of the FARC 10th Front in Arauca, since FARC Commander German Briceno Suarez, also known as "Granobles," is believed to reside inside Venezuela. Granobles is also the brother of FARC Secretariat member Jorge Briceno Suarez ("Mono Jojoy"). The U.S. Government provides training, equipment, logistical support, technical intelligence, and operational advice to the CNP ground and aviation forces that participated in both operations.

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